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DETAILED ACTION

ADVISORY ACTION

1. The proposed amendments filed on September 18, 2009 have been fully considered but will not be entered because they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search.

Response to Arguments

I. In page 4, third paragraph of applicant's remarks, applicant argues that the proposed amendments have overcome all objections on the claims.

After carefully considering applicant's argument, the examiner agrees to withdraw the objections on claims 17 and 26 if the amendments have been entered.

II. In page 13, fourth and fifth paragraphs of applicant's remarks, applicant argues that the proposed amendments have overcome all rejections on claims 4 and 26.

The argument has been fully considered but it is not persuasive toward the withdraw of the rejections because applicant's argument with respect to claims 4 and 26 is moot since applicant has amended claims 4 and 26. The proposed amendments in claims 4 and 26 raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search. For example, the phrase "providing a molecular array comprising a plurality of functional molecules with known identity immobilised to a solid phase at a density such that each individual immobilised molecule is not capable of being individually resolved" in (i) of claim 4 filed on March 12, 2009 has been changed to "providing a molecular array comprising a plurality of functional molecules of known identity immobilised to a solid phase" in the proposed amendments and claim 4 in the proposed amendments is much broader than claim 1 filed on March 12, 2009. The phrase

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“reducing the density of functional immobilised molecules in the array” in (ii) of claim 4 filed on March 12, 2009 has been changed to “labeling only a portion of functional immobilised molecules in the array” in the proposed amendments.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Frank Lu, Ph.D., whose telephone number is (571)272-0746. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Schultz, can be reached on (571)272-0763.

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/Frank W Lu /, Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1634
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